

'Tea Party' Turns Into Rough-house

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Wycombe Wanderers 0, Maidenhead Utd. 1

THIS Wycombe Floodlit Cup game at Loakes Park on Wednesday night was a Jekyll and Hyde affair. The first-half was like a vicarage tea party, and the second 45 minutes of solid, savage, full-blooded football.

It ended up with Wycombe's Paul Bates — the friendliest of footballers — getting his name in referee Ayres' book, alongside that of Maidenhead's Eddie Warrilow.

And they both deserved it. Warrilow asked for it throughout and went over the mark when he had a go at Bates.

Then Bates, who had just about had enough, dropped Dave Thomas and kicked the ball away when Mr. Ayres pulled him up.

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Not that Referee Ayres was beyond blame himself. And after a whistle-happy performance he had to be given a police escort off the field.

The first-half isn't really worth recording apart from Peter Roystone's effort. He defended vigorously and shot whenever possible. Floodlights went on from the

start and it rained throughout leaving a surface on which the players tobogganed about.

Maidenhead's goal came from the penalty spot after Samuels had fouled Woolley in the 68th minute. Pitts converted.

Two minutes earlier he had missed a spot kicked after a foul by Rundle on Warrilow.

The game developed into a real clogging match in the mud. Five minutes from time Beck had a shot which stuck in the goal-mouth goo.

We should see some fun and games in Tuesday's second-leg at Maidenhead!

Wycombe.—Wells; Bradshaw, Beck; Lewis, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels; Bates, Horseman, Merrick.

Maidenhead.—Reynolds; Runcies; Springell; Thomas, Hatt; Pitts; Woolley, Warrilow, Mullan; Brimsden, Wise.